

Helpful hints to consider as a farmer on US 12

The US 12 Dane County Planning Team has put together a checklist of things you may want to address with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. There may be others that are not listed that may have an impact on your specific operation. As you go through this list, you should consider how each of these things are handled in your present operation. Then ask yourself how they will be handled after the highway project is completed. If you have further questions or would like more information, please contact Nolan Andersen, Dane County Dairy/Livestock Agent at (608) 224-3717.

Buildings:

- Removal/addition/renovation of new buildings
- Future expansion opportunities
- Traffic patterns between farmstead and road

Driveways and field entrances:

- Width - large field equipment, milk trucks, feed trucks, etc.
- Percentage of slope - machinery in and out without damage, stopping heavy loads, eliminate blind spots, etc.
- Surface - gravel, blacktop, concrete, size of farm yard

Underground utilities or tanks:

- Electric, water, gas, sewer, telephone, cable TV, underground fuel tanks, etc.

Farm field drainage:

- Impact on farm field drain tiles - locate, cut, block, replace, design new, etc.
- Impact on farm field drainage ditches - cut, block, replace, design new, etc.
- Impact on farm drainage structures - culverts, waterways, picket dams, etc.
- Impact of water coming off the new road onto your farm

Wells and septic systems:

- Wells - inspect, close old wells, drill new wells, etc.
- Septic Systems - tanks, field drains, mound systems, install new system, etc.
- Milkhouse drains - tanks, field drains, install new system, etc.

Livestock issues:

- Livestock yards - space/animal, access to yard, feeding area, cleaning schedule, drainage, water quality issues, etc.
- Manure handling - type of equipment needed, storage, moving manure to the other side of the road, daily haul, etc.
- Feed and water - pipes under the road to service both sides, crossing the road to feed, access to lots, power for heated waters, etc.
- Fences - livestock movement, electric fences for both sides of road, moving livestock from one side of road to the other, repair, replace, install new, etc.
- Consider traffic patterns for livestock, equipment and people

Access during road construction:

- Family, milk trucks, farm equipment, location of school bus stops, etc.
- Easements on property; size and shape of field
Is land removed from tax roles, gas, electric, road right of way, etc.
- Amount of land on sides of road, able to use large farm equipment, access, etc.